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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 400

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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Petty Officer James L. Furmage upon being named the USS Tennessee Junior Sailor of the Year.

WHEREAS, Our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those service men and women who continue this time-honored tradition by honorably serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, One such remarkable citizen is United States Navy Petty Officer James L. Furmage who has been named the USS Tennessee Junior Sailor of the Year 2000; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Electrical Division in the USS Tennessee from January 2000 to December 2000, Petty Officer Furmage served with great bravery and ability as an Electricians Mate Second Class; and

WHEREAS, His exceptional technical abilities led to the timely repairs to the number one oxygen generator and the number one convection oven blower motor; his superb watchsection supervision ensured the completion of over 700 man-hours of PMS and 300 man-hours of corrective maintenance; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his service in the Electrical Division, Petty Officer James Furmage also served as the ship's Recreation Committee Chairman; personally responsible for the planning and organization of all command-sponsored events, he also maintained a \$3000 merchandise inventory for the ship's store; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer James L. Furmage's exemplary performance and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of United States Naval Service; a true hero, he serves his country with the utmost dedication, courage, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Petty Officer Furmage for his devotion to the United States of America and its citizens, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Petty Officer James L. Furmage for meritorious service to his country in the United States Navy, congratulate him on receiving USS Tennessee Junior Sailor of the Year 2000, express our gratitude for a difficult job well done, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.